GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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PERCENTAGE SHARE OF COAL IN POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of coal in total power generation from all sources in the country;

(b) whether the production of coal has been declining over the years;

(c) if so,the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA)

(a): As per the monthly report for the month of September,2008 of Central Electricity Authority (CEA), out of total monitored capacity of 133865 MW of power generation capacity in the country, 72249 MW is coal based, which is about 53% of total power generation capacity in the country.

(b): No,Sir.The total coal production in the country during 2005-06 was 407.039 million tonnes which increased to 430.832 million tonnes during 2006-07 and 457.003 million tonnes during 2007-08. During April-September,2008 , the All India coal production was 205.975 million tonnes(Provisional) as compared to 190.916 million tonnes during the corresponding period of previous year.

(c)&(d): Do not arise,in view of reply given in respect of part (b) of the question.